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JOHN GOSKIE KILLED. French Jones in Cairo Jail, Held For the Murder.

John Goskie was shot and killed by his father-in-law, French Jones, near Santa Fe, Mo., last Monday morning.

From the information received here it seems that some time ago Goskie's wife (daughter of French Jones) had been leading a wayward life and about two months ago left her husband and went to Cairo. Last week she returned, but Goskie refused to have anything to do with her. By some means she got in possession of one of Goskie's horses on Sunday evening and rode it to her father's farm. Monday morning Goskie went after his horse and was killed. The coroner was notified, a jury summoned and an inquest held. It seems that the son of Mr. Jones was the only important witness before the jury and it is said that he testified that he met Goskie at the gate and told him not to come in; that Goskie paid no attention to him, opened the gate and started in; that young Jones drew a pistol; that Goskie grabbed the pistol and was about to shoot young Jones when the father appeared with a shot gun and fired the fatal shot.

It was supposed that no one saw the killing except the family, and they made it appear a case of self-defense and the jury was about to render such a verdict, when Leslie Atherton, of Goose Island, so the story goes, interrupted and told the jury that a young man by the name of Miller was an eye witness to the whole affair and suggested that they examine him. Miller was in the employ of Mr. Jones and was much excited when put upon the stand. His testimony, as related to us, is about as follows: "Early in the morning Mr. Jones took his shot gun and secreted himself in the barn. Presently a man came in sight and the daughter (Mrs. Goskie) went out and called, 'Pa, he is coming.' As the man came nearer she again called to her father, 'Pa, it is not him; it is Mr. Rains.' Mr. Rains went into the barn, got what he wanted and went away. A little later on Goskie came along on horseback and he was opposite the barn. In the road, Mr. Jones shot him in the horse with-out a word of warning."

This is the story as it comes to us, and it is further stated that a pistol had been placed in the dead man's hands so as to make it appear a case of self-defense. The coroner's jury held Mr. Jones responsible for the killing, and he is now in Cairo jail.

John Goskie was a good man. All the Goskies are good, law-abiding, industrious citizens, and are well known at Commerce, where they have been doing their trading for years.

French Jones and family are also good people and have many friends both in this and Alexander county. Three years ago they spent a season at Oran for the purpose of schooling their children. Mr. Jones is quite a large land owner in Alexander county and is in good circumstances financially. We are personally acquainted with all the parties concerned and regret the sad affair very much. What we have said is entirely without feeling in the matter, and we have simply "told the story as 'twas told to us."

FROM SIKESTON.

Our city "dads" have bought an eight horse power four wheel road grader and are adding a great deal to the beauty and convenience of the town by grading all the streets. Two men with a grader can do in one day the work of one hundred men and do it better, too. The labor of one hundred men would cost \$100.00 per day while the cost of running a grader does not exceed \$10 per day. \$90 is thus saved every day the grader is used and this saving will soon pay for one. Why not every road district in the county buy one of these graders and thus make it a pleasure to go out riding at any time of the year?

The Institute girls and boys were treated to a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jordan Tuesday evening which was quite an enjoyable affair. Mr. Jordan knowing that the house would be too small, lighted the lawn with Japanese lanterns and couples could be seen promenading up and down the beautiful walks until the wee small hours of the morning.

Jas. Wilburn returned from New Madrid Saturday with his school certificate. Jim is a sagacious young man and deserves great credit for his success. He will teach his first term this year in Big Opening.

L. M. Jenkins, Jno. Cobb and P. A. Bray promise to give the grandest barbecue ever known at Simmon's Grove on the Fourth of July. Come out everybody and enjoy life once.

W. D. Myrick who cut Steve Van-Cleet almost fatally in a drunken brawl at Fugate's Mill last week has been arrested twice and escaped both times. He is still at large.

Two fine Cob Gem water melons, the first that have been in Sikeston this year, were brought in Monday by E. J. Malone on his return from Tennessee.

Dr. E. J. Malone returned Monday from the bed side of his father in Tennessee. All efforts to save the life of his father were of no avail.

Are you going to can any fruit? If so, remember that nothing equals the stone jar. For sale at the Commerce pottery.

Dr. C. C. Harris visited his daughters, Miss Hettie and Mrs. J. L. Tanner, Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Abbie Bridges, of Carbondale, Ill., are on a visit to E. J. Malone's family.

All efforts fail in trying to get the New Madrid base ball nine to meet the Sikeston Browns.

Mrs. E. J. Malone is very sick at this writing.

Serenades are still in order, though cake is scarce. Croquet is the favorite game at the Jones boarding house and Miss Maggie Cooper promises to spring some new ideas on the Morley boys and girls when she returns home—she has been taking lessons under your scribe. ALPO.

FROM ORAN.

Mr. Will Engels' son, aged about 7 years, while riding a mule toward last Friday evening was thrown off; his foot was entangled in a rope attached to the mule and in consequence he was dragged some distance before landing against a tree with such force as to break the rope. He escaped with his life but was seriously bruised and lacerated.

Misses Grace Shumate, Alice Barnes, Lizzie Schaefer and Katie Lennox, of Sikeston, Fannie Anderson, of Commerce, and Frankie Moore, of Oran, went from here to Sikeston Sunday. Caleb and Rube Matthews, J. B. Stubblefield, et al were their escorts.

Your scribe took a trip to Benton Saturday and found some parts of the road very badly washed out, especially near Mr. Holder's. The overseer's attention should be called to this and the needed repairs made.

FOR SALE.—One of the best residence properties in Oran. All modern conveniences. Located on the southeast corner of Shelby and Elm streets. A bargain for somebody. Apply to this office.

Miss Estelle Query is attending the Teachers' Institute at Sikeston. Miss Georgia Nichols is attending the one at Bloomfield. She has the promise of a school in Stoddard county next term.

John Beardslee, Murray Campbell, Norval and Wade Anderson, of Commerce, and Uriel Haw, of Farmington, gazed on the beauties of our booming village Sunday afternoon.

Birch Glenn, of Wickliffe, Ky., will bring his teams back to the camp and begin the logging business next week. This enterprise brings quite a sum of money to Oran.

The roofing on Harry Watkins' new residence is said to be very inferior and unsatisfactory. The late rains ruined the paper in two rooms.

The whistle of the steam thrasher is heard often these days, and the prospect for a large yield of wheat is encouraging.

The free coinage of silver is popular with all S. E. Mo. Democrats and especially so with the younger members.

Hoyt Parker, Ed Engel and L. P. Howels of this place, are off with an independent wheat thrasher this week.

Frank Zundel will likely retire from the saloon business this week leaving Mr. Githens sole proprietor.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co. do a greater variety of business transactions than any firm in the county.

Mrs. Robt. Wright and Merchant Wigdor's baby are on the sick list at this writing, both rather seriously.

Dr. Freeling, of Benton, reports several cases of pneumonia (double) in his practice lately.

Nothing will keep fruit so nicely as a stone jar. All sizes at the Commerce pottery.

Dr. Orr, of Charleston, reports the prospect for corn in Mississippi county never better.

The firm of Gillespie & Githens, two junior milk shake dealers dissolved Monday.

Wm. Lett, our tonsorial artist, purchased the Allman organ Monday morning.

Matthews & Stubblefield's is now headquarters for buggies and road wagons.

Lindsay Jones, of near Santa Fe, Ill., was here Tuesday on business.

Dr. W. E. Harris reports his dysentery very prevalent among his patrons.

Misses Annie and Carrie Reihart went to Benton Monday.

Mrs. Sol Rosenstein, of Charleston, was here Tuesday last.

Quite a number of strangers visit Oran each day.

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Dr. J. F. Bagwell paid Benton a visit Monday.

Farmers are busy threshing and hauling wheat.

If my first contribution is accepted I will come again in the near future.

Mrs. A. L. Daniels is visiting her parents at Benton this week. "Doc" is with the thrasher.

H. Misfeldt sold Cronshaw & Co., of Charleston, two thousand bushels of wheat at 65 cents.

Protracted meeting is in progress at the M. E. church this week. Let the good work go on.

Ben. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, and a mill man from Jackson were here looking after wheat yesterday and today.

Mrs. Overton Cooksey returned from Sikeston to-day (Thursday), where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. E. Daniels came down from St. Louis Monday to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ostner.

Quite a number from here attended church and the basket dinner at Lusk's Chapel last Sunday. The day was fine, the crowd was large and the dinner out of sight.

Our Melon Inspector for Scott county has had quite a number of copies of the melon law printed. Every grower should read and meditate thereon. HOOSIER.

Where to Spend the Fourth?

It would be difficult for the News-boy to advise its readers where to go to spend the Fourth. There will be two rousing celebrations in the county—one at Blodgett and one at Oran—and another six miles south of Sikeston, in New Madrid county.

Blodgett always draws a big crowd on such occasions, and the people down there are of the kind that will make it pleasant for you. The Benton Brass and String bands will furnish the music, and the parade of the fraternal orders at 11 o'clock a. m. will be one of the principal attractions.

Oran is also making great preparations and the people out there know how to entertain visitors in a way that all must feel at home. The Oran brass and string bands will furnish music, and the dance hall is the finest in the county. The steam "merry-go-round" will also be in evidence, and the scenery of Woodland Park is simply delightful.

At Scimmons' Grove, six miles south of Sikeston, the American eagle will flap his wings and the anniversary of the Nation's birthday will be appropriately celebrated.

L. M. Jenkins, J. S. Cobb and P. A. Bray will be masters of ceremonies which is sufficient to insure a good time for all who attend.

Pleased With Old Scott.

The other morning a robust looking gentleman entered the Newsboy office and began to take in the sights. "Anything we can do for you?" was asked.

"Oh, no; I'm a stranger here and just thought I'd look around a little. I'm looking for a location."

"Well, how do you like the country?"

"I've traveled over six hundred miles by wagon and this is by far the best country I've struck. Seems to me they would advertise this country and draw immigration. Why, down in Southwest Missouri they advertise their country and I have received many letters and papers from them, but I never knew anything about this country until I came here."

"Where are you from?"

"Southwestern Iowa. Many people are leaving there and coming to this State."

The trouble with Scott county is that a few men are trying to own the whole county. They do not want any immigration of competition in their scramble for land. By all sorts of methods they seek to gain more and more land—and sometimes the methods resorted to are very questionable. It is not an unusual occurrence that the property of a defenseless widow, or the interests of unprotected orphans are swallowed up by some "leading citizen" whose insatiable desire for more land and more wealth blinds him to the misery and suffering he brings to others. Of course the records are always made to appear regular, but it would be interesting, in some instances, to get on the "inside" of what was not recorded.

It is not a desirable state of affairs to have all the land of a county owned by a few men. This produces two distinct classes—landlords and tenants. Not only are they distinct as to dollars and cents, but also in their social relations. As two per cent of the population of the United States own nearly all the wealth of this nation, so about two per cent of the population of Scott county own all our land. Where you will find one man with ten thousand acres of land, you will find one thousand men with no land at all in their own right.

FROM BLODGETT.

Too late to plow corn, now.

"Blessed are the dressmakers, for they shall inherit our best friends."

J. H. Stebbins and Louis Watkins made a business trip to Commerce the first of the week.

The Fourth is getting so near that one can almost smell the meat being barbecued.

E. C. Myers shipped two baskets of cantaloupes to St. Louis last Sunday, probably the earliest shipment from Scott county this year.

The rising generation, aged from eight to fifteen years, enjoyed quite a nice party at the home of Mrs. N. V. Woodward last Wednesday night.

J. W. Farris is a man who always has something to sell from a steamship to a second-hand pulpit. Last week he sold a logging team of six yoke of oxen and a huge wagon to the Orr-Stanley Lumber Co. Consideration \$550.

The young ladies from Sikeston who went to St. Louis and back by boat report a pleasant time and say they will go by boat when they go again.

Among the passengers on the Idlewild Tuesday were Misses Dempsey, Arnold, Elmore, Carroll and Spies, of the Cape and B. McManus, of Cairo.

Miss Virgie Kimmel came down on the Idlewild Tuesday and went out by rail to Benton where she visits Miss Francis Stock.

Miss Bertie Moore returned from St. Louis Saturday where she has been attending the Beethoven Conservatory of Music.

Miss Frankie Moore, of Oran, was here Tuesday to meet her brother, John, who came down from St. Louis on the boat.

The Str. Belle of Memphis is now in the St. Louis and Memphis trade and is offering low passenger rates.

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Uriel Haw returned to his home at Farmington Tuesday.

A lady plays the clarinet in the Idlewild orchestra.

Leslie Atherton now rides a 20 lb. wood rim bicycle.

About all the wheat that has been brought to town so far (Wednesday) is damp or wet.

FROM COMMERCE.

French Jones, an old resident of Benton county, shot and killed his son-in-law, John Goskie, at Jones' house near Santa Fe Monday. Goskie's wife is Jones' daughter and has not lived with Goskie for some time, but was staying with her father. There are some conflicting stories about the affair and we do not know here yet what the result of the preliminary examination was.

While loading a wheat fan on a wagon Tuesday it overturned and fell on Frank Russell driving a bolt in his leg above the knee. The wound was dressed by Dr. Frazier and Mr. Russell drove home in his wagon.

The Idlewild has distributed quite a lot of caps as advertisements and they have printed on the front of them "sleep and travel on the Idlewild."

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FROM PRICES' LANDING.

John Fitch visited friends in Kentucky last week.

John Harness went to Commerce on business Monday.

Wheat threshing will commence the last of this week.

Mrs. McElmurry's new house is being rapidly completed.

E. L. Brown is very ill with typhoid fever at this writing.

John Whitton paid Big Opening a visit Friday and Saturday of last week.

Corn is damaged some in this part on account of the heavy rainfall last week.

Mrs. Wm. Gentry and family attended the big meeting at Diehlstadt Sunday night.

Some of our farmers who have been digging potatoes report the yield not very good on account of the early dry spell.

Messrs. Harness and Chrismon are too busy now to attend to the Kitchen Cabinet and sewing machine business, but will go out again after harvest.

Last Sunday the people of Lusk Chapel celebrated Children's Day, and had a big basket dinner. Quite a crowd of visitors were present, and old Tywappity turned out with "her golden hair hanging down her back." Everything was a grand success and all went off without a bawble except one of the leaders who got in a hurry to reach the church on time and forgot to put on his shoes. However, the error was discovered before the church was reached and he quickly returned and got the missing articles.

He Had Been There.

"What struck you as the most impressive act of the circus?" was asked of a Sikeston youth who had been to Cairo to see Harum & Bailey.

"The act of the confidence man," was the reply with a snub and a sob.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

The Blodgett man who came to Benton squinting tobacco juice promiscuously and frothing at the mouth because the "clothes lines" were up so high that no woman could reach them, had to be carried home on a stretcher when told that in this enlightened age people at a distance could talk to each other over what is known as the telephone, and that the supposed "clothes lines" were telephone wires.

The Newsboy can be found in the homes of all the enterprising and wide awake people in Scott county. Its appearance is always greeted with a "hail fellow, well met" feeling by its many readers, and everybody says it is the newest paper in the Southeast. Look it over and form your own convictions.

Some of Sikeston's "fighting whiskey" got mixed up with a mill crew south of that town, last Saturday, and a general knock-down-and-drag-out was the result, in which the Myrick brothers and Steve Van-Cleet were the participants. All were more or less injured.

"While The Dance Goes On" has just reached Oran and Mark Anthony's request to "lend me your ears" would be heartily complied with by a majority of the people if such a thing was in the bounds of possibility.

The county court granted saloon license to John R. Gibbs, of Commerce, Friday of last week. They did not appoint any Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the disappearance of Justice Welch.

A reception was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Left Monday night in honor of Miss Maudie May, of Clarksville, Ark. Quite an enjoyable time was had by those present.

Charles W. Conner, tonsorial artist with 20 years' experience, has his shop in Commerce Hall bldg. Give him a call when you want a shave, shampoo or latest style hair cut.

When the midnight bicycle bloomers make their appearance in Benton the girls can ride without fear of being observed—our street lights are conspicuous by reason of their absence.

Don't believe too much of the stories published in the city papers. Anything that happens worth reporting in your neighborhood is pretty sure to be reported in the Newsboy.

Business is on the up grade in Benton and the booming countenance of the commercial traveler is observed in our town with much more frequency than of yore.

From present appearances Benton will be almost totally depopulated on the Fourth of July. The Blodgett and Oran picnics are the drawing cards.

It is said that it is impossible to obtain a divorce in Oklahoma just now until the applicant has been a resident of the territory forty-eight hours.

Dewberries are ripe and the small boy's complexion has a delicate African blend in the region where such luxuries usually disappear.

FOR SALE.—A complete blacksmith outfit and a desirable stand in Commerce. A bonanza for the right man. Apply to this office.

Joseph Burger, a prosperous farmer of Oran, was in Benton on business Saturday and chatted the Newsboy before leaving.

A raffle of a \$50 gold watch at Oran Saturday resulted in Beach Stubblefield being the winner. \$7 was the lucky number.

Our doctors report a fall off in the number of patients this week. There is no place like Scott county for good health.

The band boys are putting in some good time at present preparing for the great 4th of July "blowout" at Blodgett.

The best insurance policy against business failure is an effective advertisement placed conspicuously in the Newsboy.

The warm weather of the past week has been productive of much good, especially to wheat and watermelons.

P. E. Genoway passed through town Monday en-route to his home at Oran from a business trip to Diehlstadt.

The whistle of the threshing machine is now heard in every direction and the marketing of wheat will soon begin.

If the surroundings have anything to do with it the Sandywoods man ought to have "sand in his craw."

Lack of material has delayed the construction of the Heisserer ware room but it will soon be completed.

Misses Lillie Profit and Clara Rider were pleasant visitors at the Newsboy office Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Anderson spent a few hours in Benton Monday, the guest of Miss Addie Wylie.

County Clerk McPheeters arrived home Tuesday from an extended visit through Texas. "He says he is very favorably impressed with the Lone Star country, but not so much so but that he was heartily glad to see old Benton again."

A social party took place in Commerce Hall Thursday evening, complimentary to Miss Clara Rider, of Cape Girardeau. It was quite a pleasant affair, and Messrs. Oran and Blodgett were well represented.

T. J. Hansen, of New Madrid county, came to the Newsboy to have some posters printed, announcing a Fourth of July celebration at Scimmons' Grove, south of Sikeston.

Val. Shaefer came over from Commerce Saturday to witness the operation of the new telephone.

Sherma McPheeters has a new bike, purchased by her father at Sherman, Texas, last week.

To neglect to advertise is like resolving never to travel by steam or communicate by telegraph.

Bob Adams was kicked in the mouth by a mule last week and now he has no teeth in front.

Miss Conna Heisserer is at home from St. Louis where she has been attending school.

John Dugan and a Mr. Anderson, of the Cape, sojourned in Benton a short while Saturday.

Miss Virgie Kimmel, of Cape Girardeau, is in Benton on a visit to Miss Francis Stock.

Ed. Godelman was over from Oran Wednesday and made our sanctum a pleasant call.

Melton Inspector Ostner has appointed N. J. Higgins as deputy inspector at Morley.

F. B. Anderson and son, Wade, were among the Commodities in Benton Thursday.

Caleb Matthews and Beach Stubblefield were over Thursday on business.

Squire Halley and ex-Marshall Proctor, of Morley, were here Wednesday.

Miss Clara Rider, of Cape Girardeau, is the guest of Miss Lillie Profit.

Gus Old shook hands with his Benton friends, on our streets, Saturday.

Miss Mollie Beattie, of Commerce, was a visitor at Benton Thursday.

Clay and Whippoorwill Peas for sale. C. C. Halstead, Blodgett, Mo.

Dr. W. P. Howle slipped in on us a few minutes Saturday evening.

Peter Watley and Dan Harris, of Sikeston, were in Benton Tuesday.

Judge Ballentine, of Commerce, was here on legal business Monday.

Thomas Hinkle was called to Oran on business Wednesday.

Jas. Walker, Jr., made a business trip to Oran Saturday.

Be careful about that Fourth of July—"how come you so?"

Are you a subscriber to the Newsboy? If not, Why?

Dr. C. C. Harris was in Benton Monday.

Benton has now got a barber.

The New Telephone Line.

Hook's Missouri and Arkansas Telephone Line was completed as far as Benton on Saturday of last week, but it seems that the Iron Mountain has "blocked the game" at Morley and refuses to let Mr. Hook cross the track with his wire. Thursday morning when Superintendent Crowder went to Morley to complete the line the Iron Mountain had about thirty-five men there ready to prevent him. It is expected that the crossing will be made to-day. The action of the Iron Mountain people is about as contemptible as the action of some others who are interesting themselves in telephone business just now.

Messages over the line are very distinct, and the service is a great improvement over the old get-there-if-you-can system that has been annoying the people of this county for several years.

Superintendent Crowder says that it is his object to have the line a convenience to the people, and that messages may be sent from Benton to either Morley or Commerce for only fifteen cents. He says he will get a forty-cent rate to St. Louis.

Do You Know

That it is warm,
and that there is
nothing so Nice
and Cooling as
Milk-Shake and Ice Cream!

Such as is kept by

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